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door

Primed poplar raised moldings 4044 door, \$550, roguevalleydoor .com; paint: Four Leaf Clover by Benjamin Moore; brass Peterson exterior door set, \$622, brass mail slot, \$52, both rejuvenation .com; ornaments and snowberries wired to fresh holly wreath



house numbers **Round address** plaque, \$60, improvements

catalog.com



topiary Faux holly, \$160, potted in fluted urn, \$80, both catalog.com



string lights Vickerman LED snowflake lights, \$20, bellacor.com doorbell Brass starburst doorbell, \$33, rejuvenation.com

doormat

French Court coir 18"x 30" doormat, \$26, ballarddesigns.com

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copy our cover!

We gave our Christmas cover some silvery, stripy style with ornaments, ribbons, and wrapping paper. Steal our ideas!



trim the tree with solid and striped ornaments

Look for vintage beauties in teal blue and green on eBay, or check out the options at christopherradko.com.

add a shimmery snowflake garland

For a similar look, try the 6' white iridescent snowflake garland, \$12, kurtadler.com for store info.

wrap stripy gifts

We used paper from papersource.com, and ribbons from mjtrim.com and mayarts.com.

rethink your tree stand

Cool idea! We put our petite blue spruce tree in a silver ice bucket. Use pebbles to anchor the trunk. For a similar look, try the Presidio silver-plated ice bucket, \$99, williams-sonoma.com.

decorate with fresh, bright flowers

Cut amaryllis and place blooms in a silver or mercury glass vase. We used the hexagon mercury candleholder, \$5, westelm.com.

pile on more shine

Try mirrored glass knobs on your drawers for an instant upgrade.

TABLE Martha Stewart Living Ingrid console table, \$289, homedecorators.com (painted in Bayville Blue by Benjamin Moore) KNOBS Diamond silver mirrored knobs, \$10 each, anthropologie.com FLOWER VASE Baby Bibi silver vase, \$7, sprouthome.com CANDY DISH For a similar look, try the mercury glass lidded cup, \$24.50, potterybarn.com SOLID AND GLITTERY BLUE ORNAMENTS 4" turquoise blue shatterproof 4-finish Christmas ball ornaments, \$40 for a set of 12, christmascentral.com SOLID GREEN ORNAMENTS 4" matte Christmas green shatterproof Christmas ball ornaments, \$40 for a set of 12, christmascentral.com



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everybody say "merry!"



oh, joy! This month everybody takes a little time off and comes together—just like we all did on our big, blue couch. Why are we so smiley? Because we're happy with how our first-ever December issue turned out. We checked everything off our list—a fantastic gift guide that makes shopping easy (check). Real homes loaded with style, all dressed up for the season (check). Gift wrapping ideas, merry makeovers, tricked-out trees, and chocolate-dipped cookies. (Check, check, check, check.) And just in case your house gives you any trouble when you're playing hostess, you can find "The Ultimate Tool Collection" on page 38. These HGTV and DIY Network pros have a lot to say about the tools and gadgets that every smart homeowner should have. (Some make good stocking stuffers, too.) Chances are your holidays will go off without a hitch and you won't have to reach for a wrench or a pair of pliers to fix a leak under your sink. But in case you do, we can help with that, too.

Here's to all things merry, bright, and under warranty,

This adorable gnome is a bottle opener! He's my favorite stocking stuffer for 2012 (\$25, aandgmerch.com).





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dear **HGTV** magazine



Every week I make at least one comment about how much I love the house on *Modern Family*, so thank you for featuring it in the September issue ["Steal the Show"]. Although I won't be able to go the full Dunphy in my own home, knowing the colors and types of products they use will help me with other decorating projects.

-Kerri Moore, Macon, GA



I love my Viking glass, so it was a big thrill to see David Bromstad's extensive collection in "David's True Colors" [September] and read that it is his pride and joy. It seems to me that Viking glass is really undervalued and underappreciated, but now your magazine has helped introduce it to a wider audience! I bet prices will go up, but that's a small price to pay for having this fabulous American glass brought to everyone's attention.

-Catherine Milione, Seattle, WA

Your September article on bookshelves: I'Bookshelves: Little Changes, Big Impact"] was exactly what I needed to read on a rainy Sunday. The simple idea of organizing my books by color made all the difference in the world in how they look!

–Jessica Chambliss, New Orleans, LA



You really hit the nail on the head in your September issue's "Household Mysteries Solved!" I have had a large, milky stain on my beautiful dining table for more than 12 years. I thought there was nothing I could do about it, then I tried your trick-laying down a cotton cloth and ironing over it-and it worked! The stain is completely gone. I've never been so excited about a tip I read in a magazine. Thank you for saving my table!

> —Cyndie Van Hook, Scottsdale, AZ

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Our family owns a newsstand with more than 3,000 magazine titles. I've worked there for 35 years and read every decorating and design magazine that arrives. I can honestly say that HGTV Magazine is my favorite! September's feature on David Bromstad was great. I love his show on HGTV, so I appreciated getting a peek at his condo. Keep up the good work, and I'll keep recommending the magazine to our customers.

—Sandy K. Liebert, Green Bay, WI

Sara's editor's note in the

September issue ["Rearrange! Repurpose! Reinvent!"] about how she controls clutter sounds a lot like how I repurpose glass jars from sauces, pickles, and other items. One of my favorite uses for these containers is to fill them with misplaced game pieces from my children. There always seems to be at least one piece left on the floor when we clean up! I also love using the jars for organizing baking supplies. I dress up the lids with spray paint for some fun color.

Laura Flynn,Hanson, MA



letters



I just finished reading "Vern Knows Barstools"

in your September issue. Vern gives some great advice, but one important point he didn't mention is something I like to call "the return factor." This is when the barstool automatically swivels back to its original position after you get off it. I have found this

feature to be very valuable since buying barstools of my own. It ensures the stools always look neat and in place, and I thought other readers might appreciate knowing about it.

-Linda Hitchcock, Las Cruces, NM

HGTV Magazine is an awesome resource that has become an important part of my library. I am in real estate and do my own staging for sellers I work with. All I have to do is thumb through one of your magazines to get fresh ideas. From now on, my new clients who are buying homes will be receiving a subscription to the magazine, compliments of me. What better way to give them great ideas for designing every room inside their dream house, as well as curb appeal inspiration!

-Valorie Toth, Prescott, AZ



In "Stylish Ways to Store Your Stuff" in the September issue, you turned a sewing box into a desktop divider for writing supplies and greeting cards. My husband gave me a nearly identical sewing box 30 years ago that I've rarely used, but now I can't wait to borrow this idea.

-Joan Gaydash, Uniontown, OH

Thank you for making sure that all your articles specify paint colors and brands. So many times I see pictures with great colors that I know would be perfect for my home, but I don't have a clue what they are or who makes them. This is so helpful!

—Kathy Robinson, Midlothian, TX



YOU SHOWED US!

Thanks for sharing photos of your fantastic flea market makeovers. Here are a few of our favorites:



"Tips from your DIY stories helped me take this old desk from ready-for-the-trash to beautiful." —Peggy DeJohn, Rensselaer, NY



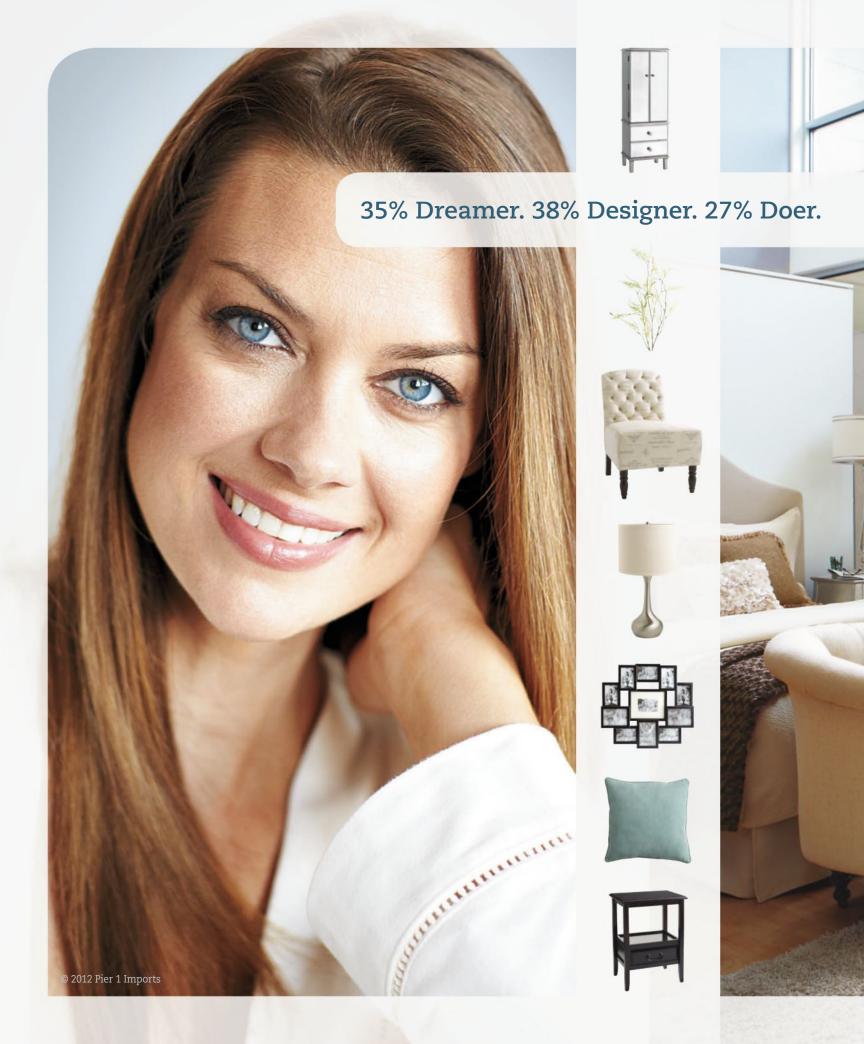
"I used spray paint to give this \$2 set of brass candlesticks a fun, modern feel."

-Lauren DiMatteo, Lincroft, NJ



"I made over this file cabinet for about \$30. It was my first DIY project, but it won't be my last!" —Katelyn Rooney Stocks, Tyler, TX







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Vern Yip *HGTV Design Star*

- white kraft paper
- red velvet ribbon
- personalized wax seal
- black-and-white family photo (with to and from on the back)

24" x 65' multipurpose white banner paper, \$6.50 per roll, officedepot.com; 2"-thick red velvet ribbon, \$4 per yard, mjtrim.com; initial wax seal stamp square filigree font, \$15,







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- colorful road map
- white rope
- •leather luggage tag

Rand McNally map, from \$2, barnesand noble.com; 1/2"-thick white cotton rope, 50¢ per foot, knotandrope.com; Budd Leather lizard grain accessory calf lime luggage tag, \$16, wayfair.com



Sarah Richardson Sarah's House

- •leftover fabric
- skinny white ribbon
- parcel tag decorated with snowflake stamps

Similar fabric, \$16 per yard, bandjfabrics.com; Ecru #51 organdy ½"-thick ribbon, \$4 per spool, katespaperie.com; Crest solar white (2½" x 4") Style a Tag, \$5 for 10, paperpresentation.com; Snowflakes InkadinkaClings stamp set, \$5, eksuccessbrands.com/inkadinkado





for a small plastic floral tube to hold the flowers. Wrap and secure the cord around it with craft glue.



Danielle ColdingShop This Room

- brown kraft paper
- jute cord
- purple card and envelope
- mini bouquet of fresh flowers

Brown kraft paper, \$4 per roll, jampaper .com; natural jute cord, \$5 per spool, paper-source.com; purple $3^{1}/2^{\circ}$ x 5" flat card, \$5.50 for 25, metallic purple $3^{5}/8^{\circ}$ x $5^{1}/8^{\circ}$ Thick-e-lope, \$10 for 10, both paperpresentation .com; 3" Aquatubes crystal clear with screwon cap, \$4 for 50, save-on-crafts.com





Emily Henderson Secrets From a Stylist

- shiny gold paper
- silk ribbon
- •DIY painted linen card

Metallic gold jumbo gift wrap, \$5 per roll, birthdayexpress.com; 21/2"-thick hand-dyed silk satin copper patina ribbon, \$8 per yard, mjtrim.com; 5" x 31/2" linen solar white flat card (Emily paints hers with watercolors), \$5.50 for 25, paperpresentation.com





- ecofriendly striped paper
- satin ribbons in different widths
- graphic gift tag

Recycled wrapping paper, \$12 for 4 rolls, boutique.cascades .com; satin ribbons in 10 mm, 25 mm, and 50 mm, \$1.50 to \$5 per yard, all mjtrim.com; red poinsettia stars tag, \$5 for 8, nightowlpapergoods.com



Cortney Novogratz Home by Novogratz

- kids' artwork
- multicolor skinny ribbons
- •tag cut from a lunch bag
- lollipop

Ribbon in aqua, bubblegum, jonquil, red, and teal, \$6 for 10 yards, creamcityribbon .com; Hammond's 2-ounce rainbow blast lollipop, \$4, hammondscandies.com







Taniya Nayak House Hunters on Vacation

- old architecture blueprints
- jute cord
- ruler
- colored carpenter pencils

For similar blueprints, try ebay.com; natural jute cord, \$5 per spool, papersource.com; Rulers of the World, \$2, richfrog.com; carpenter pencils, \$7 each, paperpresentation.com for buying info





Dina Manzo Dina's Party

- newspaper
- bakery string
- stick-on label
- · cookie cutter

Red and white baker's twine, \$8 per roll, paper-source.com; Martha Stewart Home Office with Avery oval kitchen labels, \$6 for 18, staples.com; gingerbread boy cookie cutter, \$1, surlatable.com





HGTV Dream Home

- polka-dot paper
- ·v-notched satin ribbon printed gift tag
- candy canes
- Red Dots paper, \$8 per roll, paper-source .com; 3"-thick double-face moss satin ribbon, \$15 for 25 yards, ribbonbazaar.com; Holiday Expressions tags, \$7 for 14, paper-

source.com; Hammond's all-natural candy

canes, \$3 each, hammondscandies.com

winkle



David Bromstad HGTV Design Star

- sparkly blue paper
- burlap ribbon
- hand-painted ornament

Aqua glitter wrapping paper, \$10 per roll, paper-source.com; burlap ribbon, \$13.50 per 25-yard roll, paper-source.com; 4" gold plain plastic ball ornament, \$3, bronners.com







Meg Caswell Meg's Great Rooms

- white glossy paper
- dotted grosgrain ribbon
- brown paper gift tag
- sprig of eucalyptus

Glossy white gift wrap, \$8.50 per roll, thecontainerstore.com; 15/8"-thick stitched grosgrain ribbon, \$3 per yard, mjtrim.com; Coco flat card (23/4" square), \$3.50 for 25, paperpresentation.com





how bad is it...

Straight answers to scratch-your-head questions.



...to wash whites and colors together?

Richard It depends how white you want your whites to be. Blouses and other fine-fabric garments should stay with similar-color clothing and be washed in the warmest water the label suggests, says Mary Zeitler, a scientist at the Whirlpool Institute of Fabric Science. Undershirts and sports socks may not need to look as bright, so it's OK to toss them in with colorful items, as long as the dark clothes have been washed before—just know that the more you mix, the dingier your whites may look. If you do combine whites and darks, use cold water, a delicate cycle, and a detergent made to prevent fading, such as Tide Total Care (\$14 for 100 ounces, at grocery stores). To really give your clothes the royal treatment, sort within colors, separating deep hues from paler shades.

BOTTOM LINE: sorta bad!

...to put nonstick pans in the dishwasher?

Most nonstick pans should be hand-washed, but not for the reason you might think. "Nonstick coatings generally won't be damaged in the dishwasher. It's the pan's exterior you need to worry about," says Catherine Meihofer, marketing communication manager for Calphalon. That's because many nonstick pans have hardanodized aluminum shells, which are great for conducting heat but can become pitted and develop a chalky film when they come into contact with the lye in some dishwashing detergents. To keep the metal in good shape, wash the pan with mild dish soap, warm water, and a soft sponge.





A: It's a risky practice. Consider this: Contacts are superthin pieces of plastic that rest on a delicate part of your eye, the cornea. When you sleep with your contacts in, you're locking that plasticand any bacteria or other contaminants that may be coating it—over your eye for hours. Another downside: "Your eyes need oxygen to stay healthy, and lenses, including those designed for continuous wear, can suffocate them," says Thomas Steinemann, M.D., clinical correspondent for the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Even wearing contacts for a one-hour nap can lead to problems, from temporary issues such as redness and infection to longterm conditions like a lens intolerance or even blindness (scary!). It's worth taking those few seconds to pop out your lenses before sleeping.

BOTTOM LINE: super bad!

how bad is it...



...to let your cat walk on your kitchen counters?

A: People don't normally catch diseases from felines, but the bacteria on their paws can be transferred to kitchen surfaces and then to humans. Countertop jaunts could also put your cat at risk for burns or cuts. To discourage the walks, edge the counter with doublesided tape (cats don't like the stickiness) until she breaks the habit, says Bruce Kornreich, D.V.M., Ph.D., associate director of education and outreach at Cornell University's Feline Health Center. If that doesn't work, wipe down counters regularly with antibacterial cleaner, and prepare food only on cutting boards stored well out of kitty's reach.

BOTTOM LINE: really bad!

...to not wash bagged lettuce?

A: You may assume giving your triple-washed romaine a quick rinse will make it even safer, but the more surfaces the lettuce touches, the higher the chance of cross-contamination. "Think of the raw meat and unwashed produce you handle in the kitchen," says Douglas Powell, Ph.D., a professor of food safety at Kansas State University. "Those items carry germs that could transfer to the lettuce." Extra rinsing probably won't protect you from E. coli or salmonella either: It's unlikely you'd be able to wash away that kind of bacteria if the lettuce is already tainted. Save time and water by using prewashed greens right out of the bag.

BOTTOM LINE: not bad at all!



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While you shouldn't make a habit of it, one payment that's a few days late won't ruin your finances. Just be sure to pay the bill as soon as possible, ideally within 30 days of the due date. After that, expect to hear from your credit card company's collections department. You'll also probably be charged a late fee (about \$35 is standard), and your interest rate might shoot up (the average rate is 14%, but yours could be

doubled). "Call your card company and explain that you made a mistake. If you're a first-time offender and a good customer, they may waive the late fee," says Jean Chatzky, author of Money Rules:

The Simple Path to Lifelong Security. But be warned:
Repeated delinquencies can affect your credit score. In the future, sign up for your bank's automatic bill pay program, which will issue funds on a set date each month.

BOTTOM LINE: pretty bad!

...to stand in front of a **microwave** while it's on?

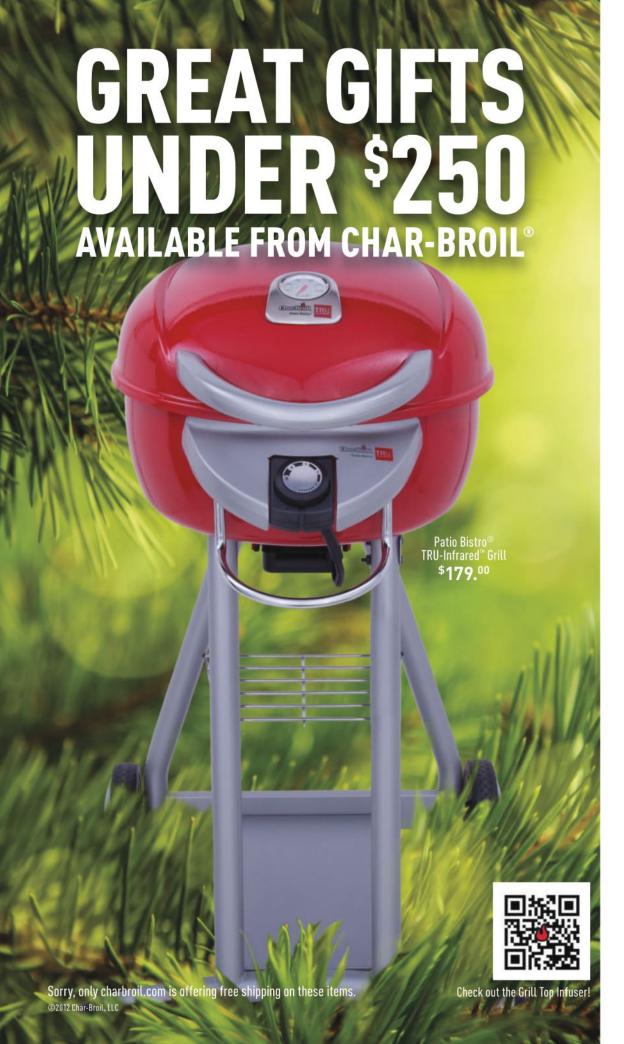
A: Despite the ongoing discussion about microwave ovens causing cancer or scrambling your cells, there's no scientific proof that they are harmful. The Food and Drug Administration sets strict limits on how much radiation a microwave can release, and what's allowed is a very small amount—a fraction of what could put you in danger, says Kelly Classic, a health physicist and spokesperson for Health Physics Society, a scientific organization that specializes in radiation safety. "Even if



you stood in front of your machine for an hour, you'd be OK," she says. So feel free to monitor that microwave popcorn closely.

not bad at all!

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Here's what it would tell you to do to make it run smoothly and look sparkly.

Go easy on my grout.

Abrasive cleaners can eat away at grout, creating cracks that collect dirt and mold. Instead, scrub tile with a soft nylon brush and baby shampoo mixed with water.

Some faucet finishes are better than others.

For a shiny showerhead that needs little maintenance, choose a chrome or satin nickel finish. Both are more resistant to mineral deposits and stains than fixtures with matte finishes, such as oil-rubbed bronze.

Give that drain cleaner a second thought.

Most clogged drains are caused by—you guessed it—hair. A drain cleaner can help, but repeated use can erode your pipes. Instead, try a mini snake. The long, thin piece of plastic has little barbs at the end that grab gunk and pull it out (from \$2, at hardware stores).

Don't let me drip.

Got a leaky faucet or showerhead? The culprit is probably a worn-out or loose cartridge (the cylindrical stem behind the shower's on/off handle). Turn off your water supply, unscrew the handle and mounting plate, and twist the cartridge to tighten. If that doesn't help, get a replacement from the fixture's manufacturer. You should be able to swap it out on your own.

Squeegee me—it's worth it!

Water can leave behind minerals that create a whitish haze over glass doors and tile. The longer the minerals sit, the harder they are to remove. So a quick squeegee after the last shower of the day will make cleaning easier in the long run.

Weak water flow? Check the showerhead.

Before you blame your home's low water pressure, inspect the showerhead for mineral buildup, which can block the spray jets. You can remove buildup with a lime and calcium solution such as CLR (about \$5 for 26 ounces, at drugstores), but your best bet is to buy a showerhead with rubber-tip jets, which you can wipe with a cloth to break up deposits.

FAREWELL,

Three smart ways to make it disappear.

Steam: Tackle growth on grout and tile with a tool that emits a high-powered blast of steam, such as the Steam Shot Hard Surface Cleaner (\$40, bissell.com).

Fan: An always damp shower is the perfect breeding ground for mold. If you have a ventilation fan, run it while showering, and leave it on for 20 to 30 minutes after you're done.

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Collection A question for HGTV and DIY Network pros: If you were building the perfect tool set, what would you include?















Scott McGillivray

Chris Grundy

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I need something bold; no 'mellow' stuff for me. I'd love to be one of those people who grinds her own beans, but I just can't wait those three minutes, so I buy it ground instead. 99 \$10 for 12 ounces, at grocery stores

-Emily Henderson, Secrets From a Stylist

Dunkin' Donuts Original Blend

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—Elvis Duran, radio host of the nationally syndicated Elvis Duran and the Morning Show

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we can find it all over the world. 99 \$10 for
34 ounces, at grocery stores

-Meg Caswell, Meg's Great Rooms

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66 Of course I love my own company's coffee, but in a pinch, I'll always default to a black cup of Eight O'Clock 100% Colombian. It's mellow, smooth, and affordable. \$9 \$7 for 11 ounces, at grocery stores

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bottle stoppers

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tiered tray

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martini glass

Hollywood Peppermint martini, \$15, crateandbarrel.com



domino set

Dominoes, \$20, crateandbarrel.com



herb wreath

Cooks bay leaf, sage, rosemary, and oregano wreath, \$50, williams-sonoma.com



cookie book

The Art of the Cookie by Shelly Kaldunski, \$20, williams-sonoma.com



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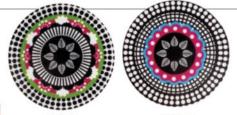
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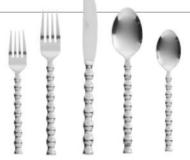
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whispering spring

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"This light blue is perfect for the color-shy. I've used it on the ceiling, too. Paired with ivory and white, it makes you feel like you're floating in the sky."

—Zoe Johns, homeowner, San Francisco, CA



caribbean coral

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

"This coral is bright without being loud. Mixed with ivory and brown, you can use it anywhere. And here's a bonus: Because it has pink tones, it flatters your skin, too."

> —Kevin Walsh, Bear-Hill Interiors, Little Rock, AR







cherries jubilee

BY GLIDDEN

"I painted the bathroom's woodwork raspberry to complement this wallpaper, which is also in the attached guest room. You might not expect to see such a bold shade in a bath, but it helps warm up what can be a cold room."

—Harriet Campbell, Hunter Gatherer home store, Dorset, England

banana yellow

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"This bright dining table has the effect of opening a window—it airs out the room and lets the sun in. I like it in a space that gets a lot of traffic, like the kitchen."

-Connie Keller, Keller Brown Design & Decoration, New Canaan, CT

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"This crisp fern-color dresser is the first thing you see when you walk through the front door. I used a

semigloss finish, but a high-gloss would make it feel like a piece of jewelry for your home."

—Ashley Dortch, HB Home, Westport, CT



wild pink

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"You can have a pink bedroom as an adult as long as it's more boudoir-y than Barbie.
Choose a dusty shade, and give the color some breathing space by leaving a wall or two white."

-Marcus Hay, Studio Marcus Hay, Inc., New York City, NY



admiral blue by Benjamin moore

"This saturated royal blue is ideal in a room with lots of natural light, since it changes color slightly depending on how the sun hits it. The dark color is so inviting. It makes you want to sit in that chair and just enjoy the space."

-Roy Ardizzone, Hudson Merchant House inn, Hudson, NY

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Klyne 80" sofa in grass delight, crateandbarrel.com



At 8" wide, this version lets you see from ear to ear.

Crystal stand magnifying mirror, zgallerie.com





Hand-hooked, so it looks and feels like a cozy heirloom.

Bonita Floral 5' x 8' rug, garnethill.com





\$247

A thick wool pile makes this rug very barefootfriendly.

Safavieh Rodeo Drive 5' x 8' rug, wayfair.com



\$188

This sequined pillow is the perfect finishing touch.

Donna Karan Home Modern Classics Shimmering Lights pillow, bloomingdales.com \$20

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Sofía by Sofía Vergara Champagne Dream pillow, kmart.com



\$99

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Twigware serving set, michaelaram.com



\$48

Imagine those little leaves peeking out of your salad bowl. So adorable!

Leaf and Twig salad servers, cwonder.com



\$68

Rubber feet on each agate coaster protect your table from scratches.

Pedra coasters (price is for a set of 4), rablabs.com



These beauties are dyed to amp up the colors. Like gems for your coffee table!

Brazilian agate coasters (sold individually; price is for 4), theevolutionstore.com



\$663

Carved details and linen-blend upholstery make it look just like a Parisian antique.

Louis XV Salon chair in Trilby basket weave fabric, ballarddesigns.com





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Stick Around armchair, cb2.com



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nyone's home should be a refuge.
"For a character like Alicia, who tackled a new job, a husband in prison, and

kids switching schools, that was key," says production designer Stephen Hendrickson. Hence the calming blue-green color scheme and plush furniture he and set decorator Beth Kushnick chose. The velvet sofa and cushy chair give the living room an upscale look, but "nothing's too precious since two teenagers also live there," Kushnick says. The bedroom (on the next page) balances luxe and lived-in too: warm wood pieces, soft blue hues, and a lime green lamp "to loosen things up."







velvet sofaMitchell Gold + Bob
Williams Alicia's sofa,

\$2,475, mgbwhome.com



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elegant dresser

American Artisan Glover dresser,
\$2,689, ethanallen.com

porcelain lamp

porcelain lamp Carnaby Acid Palm large lamp, \$295, jonathanadler.com



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david's mini forest

66 I grew up in Minnesota, but now I live in Miami, so I re-create my own white Christmas down here. I have 12 faux trees set up in my living room, and I decorate them with icicles and big snowballs, plus red and green ornaments on the largest one. It totally reminds me of home. 99

-David Bromstad. **HGTV Design Star**











dina's feed-the-birds tree



66 I'm a huge animal lover, so my daughter and I set up an edible tree on our back deck to feed the neighborhood birds. We make ornaments out peanut butter and birdseed, pretzels, and **gingerbread** men, and string peanuts, popcorn, and dried fruit. 99

-Dina Manzo,

Dina's Party











-Meg Caswell, Meg's Great Rooms











robert and cortney's ribbon fest

66 We deck out our tree with colorful ribbons. The ribbons are actually Brazilian wish bracelets, which are traditionally worn as knotted bracelets that supposedly grant the wearer's wishes when they fall off. We love that idea and the bright colors, and the kids like to help us tie them to the tree. 99

-Robert and Cortney Novogratz, Home by Novogratz







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vern knows chandeliers

HGTV Design Star judge Vern Yip shares 10 tips for choosing and hanging the right fixture.



ne of my favorite

design elements is lighting, and I'm a huge fan of chandeliers: I always say they're an opportunity to have a floating piece of art in the room. In my foyer, for example, I have a metal chandelier with two tiers of arms and drops of red crystals. Very dramatic! And since chandeliers are hung up high, you can choose something more delicate than you might be comfortable with in the rest of the house. Try these tips to find a fixture for your space.

1. Look beyond the dining room and foyer. Those spots are great, but I also love a chandelier in the living room, bedroom, closet, and bathroom. I'd probably draw the line only at the garage.

2. A chandelier doesn't have to match the style of your house. If

you live in a traditional home, like an old Victorian, you don't have to have a chandelier dripping in crystals. A simple metal one with just a few crystals can be a nice pick. On the flip side, if your house is contemporary, an ornate chandelier with traditional details is a great counterpoint.

3. Stick to one metal family. If you have silver curtain rods, for example, choose a chandelier that's nickel or pewter. A shiny brass chandelier would look great with bronze or gold-trimmed elements.

4. A chandelier that's not big enough can make a room feel

smaller. A good guideline: Measure the room's length and width, and add those together. Then use that number for the diameter, substituting "inches" for "feet." So if your room is 10 feet by 18 feet, you should look for a chandelier with a diameter of at least 28 inches.

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Candice Olson Aristocrat 30" diameter, \$751, lampsplus.com



Arteriors Home Sherman 31" diameter, \$840, zincdoor.com



Currey & Company Lawrence 18" diameter, \$1,280, laylagrayce.com



Nuvo Lighting Mericana 261/2" diameter, \$216, allmodern.com



Bamboo tower 24" diameter, \$495, cotton duck shades, \$34 each, shadesoflight.com



Arteriors Home Louis 28" diameter, \$1,164, shopcandelabra.com



Crystorama Solaris 22" diameter, \$398, lightingdirect.com



AF Lighting Ramblin' Rose 23" diameter, \$330, lowes.com

- 5. You can have a big, bold chandelier in a small room if you choose the right one. An all-glass or thin-frame metal chandelier is striking without taking up a lot of visual space.
- 6. Over a long table, try two chandeliers instead of one. I prefer two of the same, each with a diameter about a third of the table's width. If your table is extra-long, you can try three.
- 7. When I hang a chandelier above a table. I like to have about 66 inches from the floor to the underside of the

light fixture. That's enough room to put a flower arrangement or a centerpiece on the table and sit and talk, but low enough that you still have light hitting the table, giving a glow.

8. If you hang a chandelier in a spot other than above a table, still

measure carefully. If people will be walking under it, I think of 6 feet, 8 inches as my minimal clearance from the floor to the chandelier's underside. (Or 7 feet, if you have tall people in your family.) If your ceilings are higher than 11 feet, a clearance of 7 feet, 6 inches looks better.

9. Consider a vintage fixture that was originally meant for candles.

This is a great piece to repurpose! You can take it to a lighting store and have it rewired as a chandelier for a couple hundred dollars. I spent \$300 on an eight-candle fixture and had it rewired for \$200 instead of spending \$2,000 on a comparable newer one.

10. Don't rely on the chandelier as your primary light source. If you don't have recessed can lighting in the room, make sure you add some floor lamps, table lamps, or sconces.

questions for a

We dropped in on Nicole Gibbons of sohautestyle.com



design blogger

and got answers to our style survey.

1.Why did you start sohautestyle.com?

I was visiting family in Michigan over the holidays and needed something to keep me busy. I already read a ton of blogs every day and decided to jump right in. I logged on to Typepad (I've since switched to WordPress, which is easier to customize) and published my first post in January 2008, using a photo of my dream bedroom that I'd saved on my computer.

2.Your current computer:

A 13-inch MacBook Pro.

3. How is your blog different from all the others?

Instead of writing about homes already published in magazines, I use exclusive photographs of designers' spaces that haven't appeared anywhere else.

4.What are three things in your own home that you've blogged about?

My DIY draperies in my living room (I added a Greek key trim to the edges of IKEA panels), my Craigslist dining chairs (I paid \$80 for four and revamped them with paint and new fabric), and my bedroom before and after (it took about a year to complete). I love every piece in it. That's something I'd advise anyone: Don't rush. Take your time designing a room.

5.Most unique blog feature:

My "Meet the Assistant" profiles about the people who work behind the scenes with top designers.

6.Most viewed post:

The one about my collaboration with Nate Berkus and Target. We teamed up to create a video to help launch his new home collection there: more than 150



1. her home page

pieces of stylish and super-affordable finds, from rugs and bedding to window treatments and bath stuff.

7.Coolest style trick you learned while blogging:

Layering a dhurrie or cowhide rug on top of a larger sisal rug is a great look. I did this in my living room. Also: Always have accurate measurements for large pieces of furniture and dimensions of doorways—you'd be surprised how many horror stories I hear from readers about investing in a piece of furniture they can't fit through their door.

8. Favorite site for procrastinating:

Shopstyle.com. I type in the fashion item I'm lusting after and comparison shop. Before I know it, I've spent hours "window shopping" on the Web.

9.What kind of camera do you have?

A Canon EOS Rebel T3i digital SLR, and my iPhone. I'm obsessed with Instagram, but I always take the photos with my iPhone camera first and then upload them to Instagram, rather than using the app's built-in camera. The



4. her chair makeover

photos turn out much better, and you can zoom in to focus on details, which you can't do with the app.

10.Best home flash site:

One Kings Lane. It has great brands, and I admire their innovative concepts for sales, like Vintage ϑ Market Finds and Tastemaker Tag Sales. Really fun and inspiring.

11.Three awesome apps:

I love Pulse, an app that lets you browse your favorite news sites and blogs in one spot. I also have Pocket, where you can save online articles to read later. It's great for when I'm on the subway and don't have Internet access. And I use Foodily all the time to collect recipes from different sites and to follow other people with great recipe collections.

12.Which five blogs do you read every day?

Into the Gloss for beauty inspiration; Sincerely Jules because fashion blogger Julie Sariñana has such great style; Mashable to keep up with all the latest tech and social media news; Sketch42 for art and design ideas; and Garance Doré because I love her conversational voice, and her photography is always amazing.

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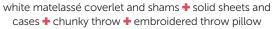


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SOLD 2 DAYS! PLANO, TX 4 BR, 4 BA, 4,862 sq. ft. Listed for: \$549,900 Sold for: Just above the listing price

Smart sell-it moves: "I built up attention for this home before putting it on the market by creating a website for it with tons of photos, which I promoted on my real estate site," says Judy Cooley of Keller Williams Realty. "I also staked a 'Coming Soon' sign in the yard. The house is located near a park and walking trails, and I thought potential buyers would pass by every day. I was right! The people who bought it did live nearby. They loved the property's size (a half acre), its pool, and the updated flooring and fixtures."



2 DAYS

GARNET VALLEY, PA

4 BR, 2½ BA, 1,906 sq. ft. Listed for: \$400,000 Sold for: \$400,000

Smart sell-it moves: "The

owners got rid of all clutter, including small kitchen appliances that were covering the granite counters," says Mike Milligan of Keller Williams Realty. "When one agent asked for a sneak peek before the open house, I said yes. She brought her clients over, and I gave them all the necessary documents, including inspection results. They offered full price."



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Tammy Newland of Keller Williams Realty. "Inside, the rooms were staged with colorful tableware,

art, and bedding."

SOLD IN 12 DAYS!

CHARLESTON, SC

4 BR, 3 BA, 2,857 sq. ft. Listed for: \$340,000 Sold for: \$330,000

Smart sell-it moves:

"The rooms in this house are small, and bulky furniture made them look smaller, so we did a lot of rearranging," says Jay Law of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate. "We also boxed up a lot of stuff to make the house more spacious. I told the owner to hide the boxes in the garage. Then we took great photos of the home—inside and out, from every angle, during the day and evening. I wrote a very detailed listing and put a box of flyers in the yard."





4 BR, 2½ BA, 2,960 sq. 1 Listed for: \$434,900 Sold for: \$437,000

IN 12

HOURS

Smart sell-it moves: "What

sold this house was the interior, a perfect blend of vintage and modern. For example, newly renovated bathrooms had old-style wainscoting and pedestal sinks," says Amy Petrone of RE/MAX Realty Group. "We listed it midweek, so I held a brokers' open house first to get immediate attention. One broker brought clients by that evening, and they bid high."

SOLD IN 4 DAYS!

BUFFALO, NY

3 BR, 2 BA, 1,600 sq. ft. Listed for: \$179,900 Sold for: \$192,000

Smart sell-it moves: "I knew people in this area were downsizing from multistory homes to smaller ranch houses, so I focused on that trend," says Robert Measer of Hunt Real Estate ERA. "This house is a log cabin, but with its first-floor bedrooms and full bath, it's set up similar to a ranch, so I priced it competitively. Cabins are unique around here, and in the listing, I played up its distinct look and wooded property. I listed the house on a Thursday, and showed it 20-plus times that weekend."



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Turn castoffs into pretty pieces you'll love and actually use. Here are the simple how-tos.

Deck out a nightstand with a botanical pattern

what you'll need:

- Screwdriver
- Cloth
- Wood cleaner, such as Murphy Oil Soap
- Removable vinyl decals
- Painter's tape
- Straight edge (like an old credit card)
- Utility knife
- Medium-grit sandpaper
- Paintbrush
- Latex paint
- Water-based sealer
- **1** Unscrew any drawer pulls or knobs and set aside. Wipe down the stand with the cloth and cleaner.
- **2** Position the removable decal on the front; secure with a piece of painter's tape at the top. We used Affordable Vinyl Graphics flower embellishment (from \$4 each, mywalldecals.com). Apply the decal according to the instructions, running a straight edge over it to eliminate air bubbles. Use a utility knife to slice through any of the decal that spans across more than one drawer.
- **3** Lightly sand all the wood around the decal, then wipe it down with a cloth. If you want the stand's legs to remain unpainted, like ours, tape them off.
- **4** Paint the table and let dry. We used Warm Gold by Glidden
- **5** Using your fingernail, pick at one edge of the decal until you can get a good grip. Slowly peel it off the wood. If you taped the legs, remove the tape.
- **6** Coat the entire nightstand with the sealer and let dry. Reattach drawer pulls or knobs.

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what you'll need:

- Cloth
- Dishwashing soap
- Medium-grit sandpaper
- Spray primer for metal
- Gloss-finish spray paint in various colors
- Painter's tape

- **1** Wipe down the chairs with the cloth and soapy water.
- **2** Rough up the metal and remove any rust patches with the sandpaper, then wipe down the chairs again to remove any dirt or grit.
- **3** Prime the entire chair and let dry. Then paint the chair's lower support bars (the bars between the legs). No need to tape off anything yet, since

you can cover up splatters with the second color. For an extra-glossy finish, use at least three coats of paint, allowing paint to dry between each coat.

4 Tape off the painted support bars and spray the rest of the chair with the second color. Again, for a glossy finish, use at least three coats, letting paint dry completely between coats. We used Krylon indoor/outdoor paint in (from left) Citrus Green, Pumpkin Orange, Raspberry, and Global Blue.





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Turn a typeset drawer into jewelry storage

what you'll need:

- Cloth
- Wood cleaner, such as Murphy Oil Soap
- ½-inch paintbrushLatex paint
- Pencil
- Small shoulder and/ or cup hooks
- Drill
- Two finish washers
- Screws
- **1** Wipe down the wood with the cloth and cleaner.
- **2** Paint the drawer, making sure to coat the inside and corners of each small compartment. Let dry. We used Peacock Blue by Glidden.
- **3** Use a pencil to mark where you want the hooks to go—we hung ours about ¾ inch from the top of each compartment and along the bottom of the drawer. If the wood starts cracking when you're screwing in the hooks, drill small pilot holes before inserting the rest of the hooks. If the hooks go through the wood and their pointy ends stick out the back, glue two strips of scrap wood to the back of the drawer—one at the bottom and one at the top—to protect your wall from scratches after you hang the drawer.
- **4** To hang, drill two holes, one in each top corner of the drawer. Place a finish washer over the front of each hole, and screw into the wall.



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Update an antique headboard

what you'll need:

- Medium-grit sandpaper
- Cloth
- Paintbrush
- Latex paint
- Three-ply rope made of manila, jute, or sisal
- Heavy-duty allpurpose glue, such as Sobo Premium Craft & Fabric Glue
- Inexpensive paintbrush (for applying glue)Scissors
- **1** Remove any decorative hardware from the headboard.
- **2** Sand it to scuff up old varnish and smooth out nicks. Wipe clean with a cloth.
- **3** Paint the entire headboard, and let dry. We used Hummingbird Blue by Martha Stewart Living Paint.
- **4** Decide where you want the rope to go—it's great for camouflaging imperfections—and loosely wrap it around the headboard. Don't adhere it yet; this is just to help you decide on placement and give you an idea how much rope you need.
- **5** Once you're satisfied with your placement, brush the glue onto the headboard in the spots where you'll place the rope.
- **6** Starting at the bottom of the glued area, adhere the end of the rope to the back of the headboard with a little extra glue.





Create wordy wall art from plates

what you'll need:

- Dishwashing soap
- Vinyl word decals
- Painter's tape
- Straight edge (like an old credit card)
- **1** Wash the plates with soap and water;
- **2** Position a decal on each plate. Use a piece of painter's tape at the top of the decals to hold them in place. We used custom word decals (from 40 cents per letter, mywalldecals.com).
- **3** Apply each decal according to the instructions, using the straight edge to smooth out any air bubbles.

Note: These plates are for decoration only. Do not eat from them or put them in the dishwasher.



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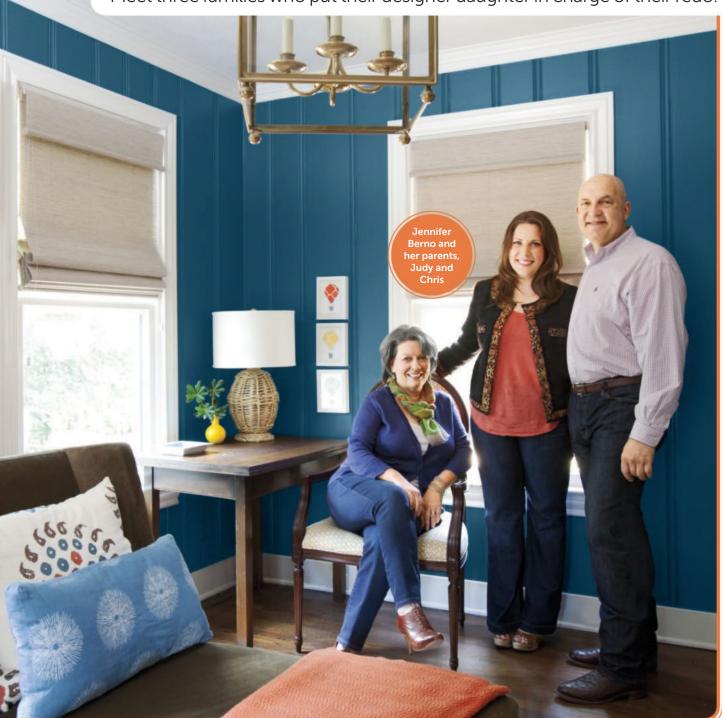


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my daughter, the decorator

Meet three families who put their designer daughter in charge of their redo.



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Jennifer Berno, HGTV

Magazine's home editor, convinced her parents, Judy and Chris Berno of Houston, TX, to turn their behind-the-times home office into a snuggly TV room. It took a few years of gentle pushing, but they finally admitted they were ready for a change.

Dad: We knew we had dated furniture, because Jennifer reminded us all the time. **Jennifer:** My parents didn't need a home office anymore. What they did need was a place to watch TV; the only television in the house was a tiny set in the kitchen. I just knew this room could be so cozy.

Mom: Jennifer finally wore us down. We got excited when we understood her vision of what the room could be.

Jennifer: My mom has always been inspiring to me. She has beautiful taste. **Mom:** Jenny was living out of town, so I

wisited her, and we spent a day looking at fabrics, paint colors, and furniture. After that the process took about six months.

Jennifer: The first thing we found was the pillow fabric with the blue, orange, brown, and white. Everything went from there.

Mom: No, wait. It started with Jenny's idea of painting the room this deep blue—pretty dramatic. She wanted to paint the trim blue, too, but I couldn't go that far. Now I wish I had.

Dad: That blue—we weren't really feeling it. The first few days after it was painted, it just felt so…blue. But once all the furniture was in, it turned out to be very calming. So we've grown to trust Jennifer, even if she drags us kicking and screaming.

Jennifer: I loved the freedom of being honest with them. They wanted a sofa, but I talked them into a pair of chaise longues

so it would truly be "a room for two."

Mom: Working together was a much bigger joy than I had imagined.
Jenny was here the day we finished, and we toasted to a job well done.

Jennifer: I feel very connected to the room. When I visit my parents, I always come in here first to check on it.





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Dana Oatley Brown,

a sought-after Louisiana-based interior designer, came to the rescue when her mother, Margaret Oatley, discovered that termites were chomping away at her Baton Rouge kitchen. It needed an overhaul ASAP.

Mom: When I bought the house, I had planned on updating the kitchen. But once we started the demolition, we discovered all the wood was badly damaged. The project grew into a total gut job, so I "hired" Dana because I needed help from a pro. Dana: The original kitchen had floorto-ceiling dark wood cabinets and felt claustrophobic. So we put all the appliances low and built a long island, which lets the room breathe. The reno

process took about a year. Mom: We made all of the choices together. I love color, but Dana is more subdued. I told her I wanted agua. So she painted a bunch of different agua squares on one wall for me to see.

Dana: I pushed for the lightest one. **Mom:** I thought it looked too gray, but she convinced me, and that's the color I ended up using on all the cabinets.

Dana: I'm not a minimalist, but...let's just say Mom's a trinket girl.

Mom: Dana told me it was like a flea market exploded in here, and she started putting things away in drawers.

Dana: I understood she wasn't going to part with all her stuff. I got the emotion of it. **Mom:** This is actually the third project I've worked on with Dana. She always starts off by saying, "Tell me what you love and what you want to keep."

Dana: In the kitchen, we agreed to keep Mom's collection of redware bowls, which sit on top of the cabinets.

Mom: One of my favorite things is the

backsplash. We went to Santa Fe together to shop for the tiles.

Dana: We chose Rojo Alicante marble for the counters. Mom loves to bake, so marble was a good choice for her. When she's hungry, she'll make a cake instead of a sandwich. Mom: I'll make it, and I'll

eat it sitting in my lovely kitchen.





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Melissa Warner's

parents, Sally and Michael Warner of Los Angeles, CA, hadn't updated their bedroom since the '80s. After plumbing problems gave them a reason to reinvent the space, Melissa, of design firm Massucco Warner Miller, swooped in to oversee the makeover.

Melissa: My parents' bedroom was chic in 1984. As a kid, I loved that platform bed—but now, not so much. I think they were ready for a change too.

Dad: The master bathroom needed a leak repaired. So I thought that if we had to rip up the bath, we may as well redesign the whole master suite.

Melissa: I made my mom a drawing of the bedroom showing where the furniture would go and got loads of fabric samples.

Mom: And Melissa did an estimate so there were no surprises with the budget.

Melissa: When we went shopping, if my mom liked something that I knew wouldn't

work, I didn't have to sugarcoat my reason. I could just say, "No way."

Mom: I never understood the idea of "a pop of color." Melissa taught me the pops are there to offset neutrals and add fun.

Melissa: We broke the old rules. They used to have a furniture set, but I didn't want everything to match.

Mom: I didn't think all the furniture she picked would fit, but Melissa knew better.

Melissa: Working on my childhood home was such a rush.

Mom: We hadn't told my husband any details, so we put a red ribbon on the door and had a big reveal.

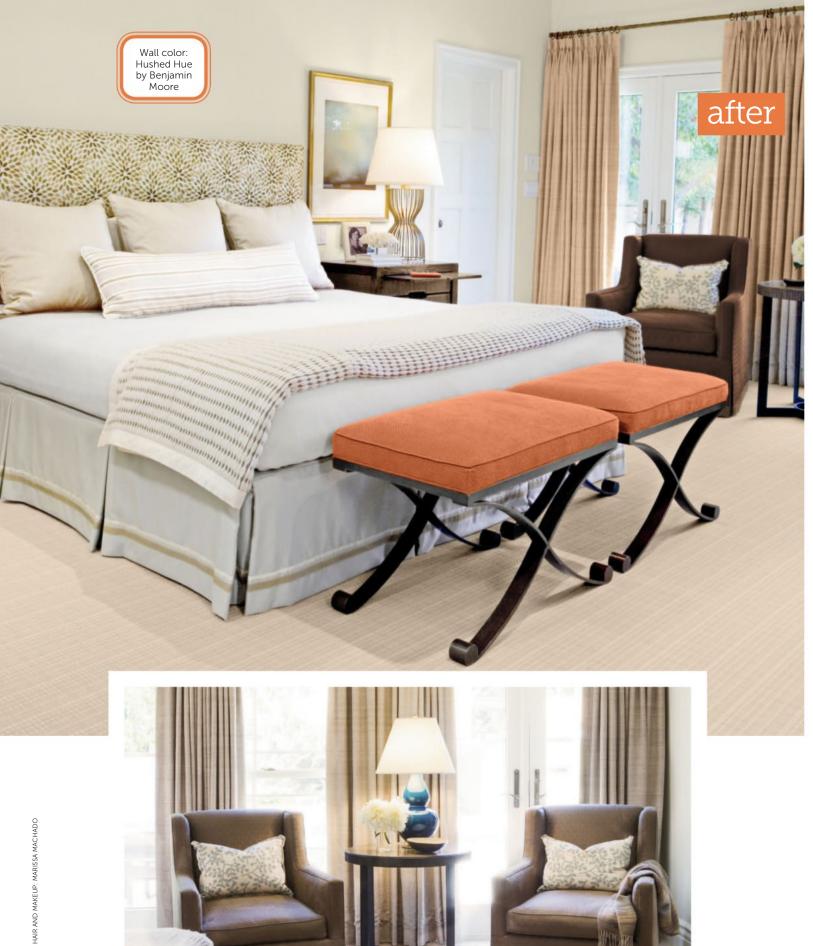
Dad: It was fun to see the room for the first time. The girls had spent a lot of time working on it, but for me, it was instant gratification.

Melissa: He really liked it, but he's a man of few words. Then later, we heard him talking it up to his friends on the phone.









from bad rooms to great room

It's amazing how busting down a wall and using buckets of white paint—can totally transform a space!

hen designer Amber Lewis and her husband. Mike, purchased a 1960s ranch house in West Hills, CA, the formal living room and the kitchen were awkwardly separated by a wall that made the whole space feel cavelike and depressing. On top of that, just about every surface was covered in some kind of dingy material, from green shag carpeting to grannystyle floral wallpaper. But Amber knew a gem of a great room was hiding in there somewhere. After knocking through the barricade, she brightened up all the walls with white paint. In came new cabinets and counters (which are also white), plus fun pops of color and graphic patterns. "It was six weeks of total chaos, living with a miniature fridge and a microwave in our home office, but it was definitely worth it," she says. "Everyone wants to hang out here. I think it's because our great room turned out so great."









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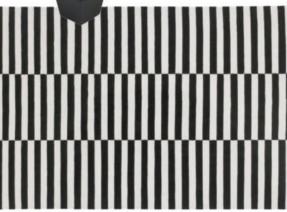
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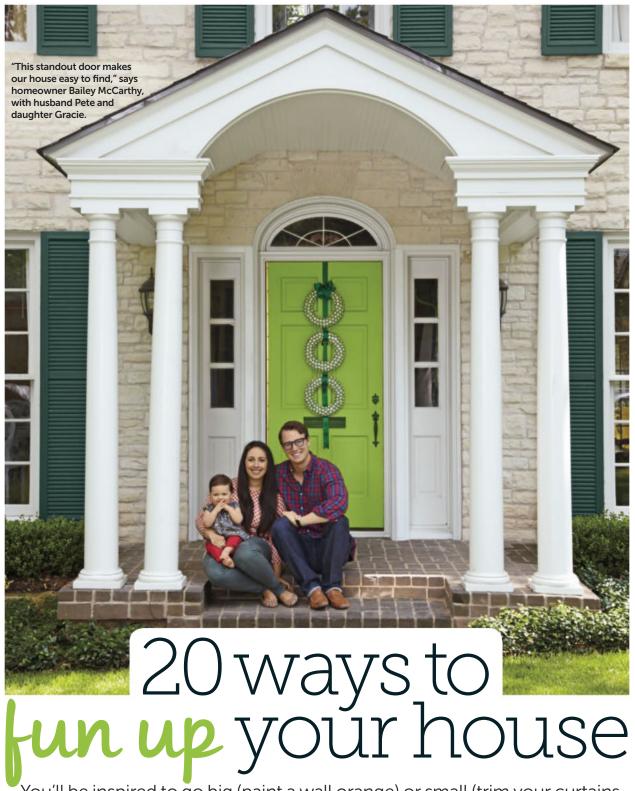
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You'll be inspired to go big (paint a wall orange) or small (trim your curtains with a pom-pom fringe) after looking around this Austin, TX, home.

ne thing you notice right away about Bailey McCarthy's home: She enjoys the heck out of it. Decorating is never a chore; it's a way to inject cheer into everyday life. There are zigzags and stripes, a green front door and orange bookshelves, vibrant artwork and happy accessories. "I don't look for things that are trendy or will make me seem more sophisticated," says Bailey, a designer, blogger, and boutique owner (biscuithome.com). "I want my house to show who I am-someone who isn't afraid of bold patterns or whimsical ideas." In the classic Colonial where she lives with her husband, Pete, and their daughter, Gracie, 1, Bailey went for colorful walls in just about every room, with an emphasis on pretty pastels. Her out-of-the-box thinking will make you smile—it may even tempt you to try an unexpected decorating move of your own.



3. A PERFECT
PLACE FOR PINK
Bailey painted the
inside of her Ethan
Allen china cabinet a
soft pink that matches
the flowers on her
dining chairs. For a

similar look, try Cool Melon by Behr.













WALLPAPER

A swan pattern covers just one wall in the master bedroom. The ceiling's painted pink!

9. GEOMETRIC **TABLE LAMP**

Actually, two fun ideas: a pink base and jewel-like angles.

10. BRIGHT HEADBOARD

Bailey paired a vibrant yellow velvet headboard with white bedding. That pale green monogram matches the carpet.

11. POM-POM FRINGE

Trim is easy to sew or glue onto a ready-made shower curtain for a custom look in the bathroom.



TREATS ART

Postcard-size cake paintings and John Derian trays form a dessert gallery over Gracie's crib.

13. BIG ACCENTS

An extra-large object is a huge hit in a little kid's space. These papier-mâché blooms are from a store display.

14. ZIGZAGS

Bright yellow chevron will be easy to grow with, and it balances the sweetness of the pale pink walls.

15. BOLD DOOR

The classic entry of the house is electrified with a high-voltage green (Feel the Energy by Benjamin Moore).







16. BOLD BUILT-INS

In this room, the cabinetry and trim are painted a gutsy red-orange hue (Habanero Pepper by Benjamin Moore). "It's a small space but the color has major impact," she says.

17. A LITTLE GLITZ

Bailey googled "gold mirrored disco ball" and found this one to make the room sparkle. "I recommend it to anyone who has a baby—Gracie goes nuts watching it!"

18. COOL CORNICES

Instead of curtains, the windows are framed with fabriccovered wood cornices trimmed in deep purple ribbon.

19. ANIMAL ACCENT

The tiger-print ottoman—an idea sparked by an old circus poster—has storage for toys.

20. GRAPHIC RUG

A brown and orange geometric area rug jazzes up the room and helps protect the white wall-to-wall carpet underneath.

bold door



candy stripes



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colorful chandelier



touch of turquoise



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Multistripe 48" x 16" wall art, \$238, chiasso.com



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Soraya in aqua, \$59 per roll, thibaut design.com for stores



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Zebra 5' x 8' rug, \$399, potterybarn.com



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Bailey chevron accent chair, \$399, zgallerie.com



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Wood zebra bowl, \$25, worldmarket.com



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holiday-ready rooms

Seattle designer Marianne Simon gussies up her house for the season with fast, easy ideas that are loaded with spirit. Give 'em a whirl in your place.









style it in no time

- **13. MAKE A MINI TREE** with branches from the yard. Coat them with glittery silver spray paint and "plant" them in the vase using floral foam to keep them in place. Then add silver garland to hide the floral foam, and hang small ornaments from the twigs.
- **14. SUSPEND PRESERVED BOXWOOD WREATHS** across a bank of windows. Tie them to the curtain rods with wide burlap ribbon.
- **15. DISPLAY HOLIDAY BLOOMS** on a pretty stand. FYI: If you plant paperwhite bulbs indoors around Thanksgiving, they'll flower just before Christmas and last for several weeks.





$try \ \alpha \ DIY \ \text{Marianne's house is filled with super-easy holiday projects. Here are four favorites to copy.}$



Put your personal stamp on the tree with a monogram topper. Spray-paint a 12-inch papier-mâché letter (joann.com) with Glitter Blast in Silver Flash by Krylon (krylon .com) for a sparkly homemade initial.



Fill a serving bowl with strands of silver ball garland (jamaligarden.com), jingle bells (orientaltrading.com), and clear ornaments, then nestle candles in various sizes in the pile. Mound the bells around the tall taper candles to keep them straight.



Hang a holiday message on a collection of white pitchers. Go to hgtv.com/magazine to download these cheerful "JOY" tags, then print. Fill the containers with flowers, an evergreen tree, and your favorite holiday candy.



Adorn your front door with a bright wreath that won't dry out like needly pine. Wrap yarn in alternating hues around a Styrofoam wreath form, tying the ends when you switch colors. Add a cluster of jingle bells using silver craft wire.



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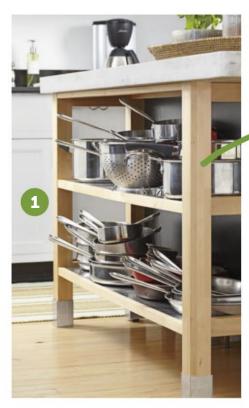
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hen you spend as much time in the kitchen as a professional caterer does, you learn a lot about how to make the room run at peak efficiency. Meet Peter Callahan, a caterer for 26 years who has organized everything from over-the-top engagement parties to U.S. State Department soirees. Even though it's just him, his wife, Josephine, and their daughter, Juliet, 12, in the house, Peter designed his own 1920s Haverford, PA, kitchen "for fast flow like a commercial kitchen." Pots and pans, for example, live near the stove for quick access, lids are stored vertically in a cabinet, and both kitchen sinks (the main and the prep) sit right next to a dishwasher. But the real genius of Peter's room is that, despite its hardworking design, it feels personal and homey. "Our kitchen gives us the opportunity to do things as a family. We cook together, test recipes, and have great conversations in here."



1 Storage-packed island

The Callahans designed a 5½-foot-by-6½-foot island at IKEA using the store's premade components, then added stainless hardware. Open shelving at one end holds pots and pans, and cabinetry on the side stores small appliances. There are plenty of drawers to stash flatware, linens, bowls, and plates in all sizes.

2 Restaurant-style hood

Peter paired a residential Viking range with a commercial-grade Zephyr hood, which has an extra-powerful exhaust fan. "The best beef and fish dishes need to be seared at a superhigh heat to make a delicious crispy crust," he says. "But only the best hoods can handle the amount of smoke that emits."

3 A mix of light sources

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A curvy iron chandelier hangs above the island, and another lights the butler's pantry (see page 143). Both offset the industrial appliances. But since a hardworking kitchen needs more than pretty fixtures to function, the Callahans' space also has lights under the cabinets and in the range hood to spotlight prep and cook spaces.



4 Original cabinet doors The Callahans preserved most of the Shaker-style cabinet doors and rebuilt the ones that were in bad shape to match the originals. "Restoring rather than replacing saved the character of the space," says Peter. They also switched out the original brass hardware for a similar style in nickel to match the stainless steel appliances.

5 Commercial fridge and freeZer Peter installed a restaurant-grade refrigerator in the kitchen and a freezer in the butler's pantry, each with the capacity of typical residential units, but stripped down of crisper drawers and door shelves. A bonus of commercial refrigeration: an external thermometer for precise temperature control.

6 A place for messages In the pass-through between the kitchen and the butler's pantry hangs a board with a roll of white butcher paper so the Callahans can make lists and leave notes for one another. The whole unit is metal, so magnets stick to it too. For a similar look, try the Wall-Mount Craft Storage Rack With Corkboard (\$129, grandinroad.com).



7 Glass canisters Leave it to a caterer who routinely cooks for parties of 100 or more to devise an ingredient organization system—clear glass jars on open shelves along one wall—that makes stocking staples such as spices, grains, and pasta a cinch. "We hate to shop, so we buy everything in bulk," says Peter.

8 Thick marble Counter Here's a clever idea that customizes a space. The IKEA island is topped with Carrara marble (the rest of the kitchen counters are black granite). The top was made by sandwiching two 1½-inch-thick pieces to make a single 3-inch slab—a luxe look for a fraction of the price.

9 Semi-custom shelves Creating a built-in look doesn't have to break the bank. The Callahans purchased the unit for the glass canisters at a junk store for about \$300. To make it blend into the room, they added trim, molding, and hardware that match the rest of the cabinets. **10** Self-serve station
Baking essentials—like a mixer
and a cake stand—sit in the lower
cabinets, along with a toaster,
a couple of coffee machines,
and cups so everybody can help
themselves. The bottom shelves
are fitted with granite counters
that match the rest of the kitchen
and can withstand food prep.

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11 Butler's pantry

"Renovations today tend to rip out the butler's pantry and make the kitchen one big open space, but it was one of the things I fell in love with about this house," says Peter. A favorite original feature: the built-in slide-out cutting board beside the sink.

12 Stainless steel

sink "We're big fans of stainless for the sink since we tend to bang around heavy pots, and stainless is pretty invincible," says Peter. "And I like the sink to be deep for washing fruit and veggies."

13 Tucked-away

wine rack In place of a pair of cabinets, a built-in wine rack sits on square feet and fits perfectly under the sink, just in front of the pipe. "I like to use every inch for storage," says Josephine. More cabinets were removed to install a wine refrigerator and an ice maker beside the wine rack. "The wine fridge gets all of our favorite whites, and we keep the pantry cool, so it's a great storeroom for the reds," says Peter.



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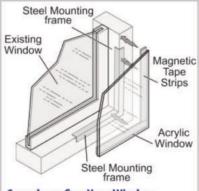
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66my signature dish??

Buddy Valastro, star of TLC's *Cake Boss*, shares the holiday treat he bakes every year for family and friends.



This baker, cookbook author, and dad of four is known for sculpting intricate, towering cakes, but at Christmastime Buddy's number-one crowd-pleaser is a batch of chocolate-dipped sugar cookies. "These remind me of being a kid," he says. "I'd make them with my dad, and my job was to dip the cookies in chocolate. So that's what I have my kids do. Then we devour them with big glasses of milk." The cookies

are a hit among not only his inner circle but also with customers of his Hoboken, NJ, shop, Carlo's Bakery, which sells 20,000 pounds of the treats in December. He says his biggest fan, though, may be the jolly guy in red: "My kids leave these cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve."

Buddy's latest book is Cooking Italian With the Cake Boss: Family Favorites as Only Buddy Can Serve Them Up (\$30, barnesandnoble.com).

RECIPE

christmas cookies

makes about 40 cookies

- 4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1¹/₄ cups vegetable shortening (such as Crisco), at room temperature
- 11/4 cups (21/2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- cup powdered sugar
- 4 extra-large eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2²/₃ cups chocolate chips, or 1 pound chocolate, chopped coarsely
- 4 ounces rainbow nonpareils
- **1.** Combine the flour, shortening, butter, sugar, eggs, and salt in a large bowl and beat with a mixer on low speed to make a creamy dough, about 3 minutes. Slowly add the water and mix until fully absorbed, about 2 minutes more.
- **2.** Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour, or up to 3 days (do not freeze). Let soften slightly at room temperature before rolling.
- **3.** Preheat the oven to 325°F. Divide the dough in half. On a well-floured surface, roll one piece of dough into a 12-inch square, about ½ inch thick, generously dusting the dough with flour as needed. Cut into shapes using cookie cutters. Combine the scraps with the other piece of dough, roll it out together, and cut out more cookies. Repeat with the remaining scraps.



4. Arrange on cookie sheets lined with parchment paper, about 1 inch apart; bake in batches until lightly golden, 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool a few minutes on the sheets, then transfer to a rack to cool completely.

5. Microwave the chocolate in 15-second increments, stirring after each, until melted. Partially dip each cookie in the chocolate, then place it on a rack and sprinkle with nonpareils; let set 20 minutes.

QUICK TIP
When using
a cookie cutter,
dip it in flour
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one last question

We tossed out a single Q to some of your favorite HGTV stars.

We have an ornament exchange, where we each bring one ornament and then draw names and swap. It's a terrific way to start a collection of tree trimmings."

-Sarah Richardson. Sarah's House

66 Growing up, we always had a gag gift exchange. While everyone watched, a nephew would open a hot pink bikini or an aunt would open a box of crickets. Very silly but fun! Another (nicer) tradition was adding a new family member's stocking to our wall of stockings. It was a big deal to include the new husband, wife, or grandchild."

-Dina Manzo, Dina's Party

We're known for our holiday cards. Each year we have a photographer shoot something really creative and fun. Last year we all posed Brady Bunch-style for the front of the card. Another year we got a shot of all the kids when they fell asleep in the same bed."

> -Cortney Novogratz, Home by Novogratz

"What holiday tradition are you and your family known for?"

Our big tradition is to hold a bake-off. It's me versus my mom or sister, and the other family members judge. Last year my sister and I both made cupcakes, and she won." -Sabrina Soto,

The High Low Project

66 After dinner on Christmas Eve, we each open one present. But there's a twist: We give a clue about the present on the gift tag, and you have to guess what's inside. If someone's getting a pair of boots, the gift tag might say 'Don't Tread on Me.' It's hours of wordplay fun." -Linda Woodrum, **HGTV** Dream Home

66 On Christmas Eve, we sing 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' together. We like to really get into it and act out the song. Then on Christmas Day, my brother Casey, a chef, cooks omelets for brunch for the family and close friends. It's an all-day festival of nonstop eating." -John Colaneri, Kitchen Cousins

> **We wear** matching holiday pj's on Christmas Eve. A different family member picks them out each year and presents them to everyone after our Christmas Eve dinner." —Cari Cucksey, Cash & Cari

66 We all have stockings we've made over the years out of leftover fabric, buttons, and patches. For Christmas morning we stuff them with little dollar-store and flea market finds."

—Jolie Sikes, Junk Gypsies



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